

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 1. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for use in a data processing system for  
2 updating an application program for execution by a particular user on the a local data processing  
3 system, said data processing system comprising the local data processing system and a remote  
4 data processing system, said article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable storage  
5 medium having a computer program embodied in said medium which causes the data processing  
6 system to execute the method steps comprising:

7 defining a user configuration of the application program corresponding to a the  
8 particular user of the application program;

9 determining that the ~~stored~~ user configuration corresponds to the ~~requesting~~  
10 particular user;

11 determining if any items described in the user configuration have been updated;

12 retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

13 building the application program with the updated item.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the computer program  
2 embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method  
3 steps comprising:

4 encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

5 authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the

6 application program;

7 decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user configuration in response

8 to the user authentication;

9 determining if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have been

10 updated;

11 retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

12 building the application program with the updated item.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the computer program  
2 embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method  
3 steps comprising:

4 encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file stored on the  
5 remote data processing system;

6 downloading the manifest file from the remote data processing system to the local  
7 data processing system;

8 decrypting the downloaded manifest file to produce a downloaded user  
9 configuration in response to ~~the~~ a user authentication;

10 determining if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have  
11 been updated; and

12 retrieving an updated item from the remote data processing system to the local  
13 data processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has  
14 been updated.

1 4. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 3 wherein the computer program embodied in  
2 said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method step  
3 comprising:

4 downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data  
5 processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 4 wherein the computer program  
2 embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method

3 steps comprising:

4 authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the  
5 application program; and

6 responsive to the user authentication, downloading data from the remote data  
7 processing system to the local data processing system according to the stored user  
8 configuration.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a data processing system for updating an  
2 application program for execution by a particular user on the a local data processing system, said  
3 data processing system comprising the local data processing system and a remote data processing  
4 system, said method comprising the steps of:

5 defining a user configuration of the application program corresponding to a the  
6 particular user of the application program;

7 determining that the stored user configuration corresponds to the requesting  
8 particular user;

9 determining if any items described in the user configuration have been updated;

10 retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

11 building the application program with the updated item.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

2 encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

3 authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the

4 application program;

5 decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user configuration in response

6 to the user authentication;

7 determining if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have been

8 updated;

9 retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

10 building the application program with the updated item.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

2 encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file stored on the

3 remote data processing system;

4 downloading the manifest file from the remote data processing system to the local

5 data processing system;

6 decrypting the downloaded manifest file to produce a downloaded user

7 configuration in response to ~~the~~ a user authentication;

8 determining if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have

9 been updated; and

10 retrieving an updated item from the remote data processing system to the local

11 data processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has

12 been updated.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising ~~the step of:~~

2 downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data

3 processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

2 authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the

3 application program; and

4 responsive to the user authentication, downloading data from the remote data

5 processing system to the local data processing system according to the stored user

6 configuration.



1 11. (Currently Amended) A computer system for updating an application program for  
2 execution by a particular user on the a local data processing system, said computer system  
3 comprising the local data processing system and a remote data processing system, said computer  
4 system comprising:

5 a user configuration of the application program corresponding to a the particular  
6 user of the application program;

7 a determination that the stored user configuration corresponds to the requesting  
8 particular user;

9 a determination if any items described in the user configuration have been  
10 updated;

11 a retrieval of an updated item if the item has been updated; and

12 an application builder for building the application program with the updated item.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising:

2 an encryptor for encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

3 an authentication of the particular user in response to the particular user

4 requesting the application program;

5 a decryptor for decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user

6 configuration in response to the user authentication;

7 a determination if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have

8 been updated;

9 a retrieval of an updated item if the item has been updated; and

10 an application builder for building the application program with the updated item.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising:

2 a manifest file stored on the remote data processing system comprising an  
3 encrypted and stored user configuration;

4 a downloaded manifest file comprising the manifest file downloaded from the  
5 remote data processing system to the local data processing system;

6 a downloaded user configuration produced from decrypting the downloaded  
7 manifest file in response to the a user authentication;

8 a determination if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have  
9 been updated; and

10 an updated item retrieved from the remote data processing system to the local data  
11 processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has been  
12 updated.

1 14. (Original) The computer system of claim 13 further comprising:

2 downloaded data downloaded from the remote data processing system to the local  
3 data processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 14 further comprising:

2 an authentication of the particular user in response to the particular user

3 requesting the application program; and

4 downloaded data downloaded from the remote data processing system to the local

5 data processing system according to the stored user configuration responsive to the user

6 authentication.